

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are currently pending. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 were previously cancelled. Claims 1 and 9 are currently amended. Claim 3 is currently cancelled. Claims 5, and 7 are carried forward, all as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing multicolor printing using printing plates provided digitally with images and/or print including:

providing a printing forme cylinder adapted for receiving printing plates;

providing a registration system for said printing plates;

removing printing plates used in a previous printing task from said printing forme cylinder;

providing a printing plate neutralizing device useable to remove images and print from said previously used printing plates;

locating said printing plate neutralizing device separate from said printing forme cylinder;

conducting said previously used printing plates from said printing forme cylinder to said printing plate neutralizing device;

neutralizing said previously used printing plates in said printing plate neutralizing device by removing used images and print from said previously used printing plates;

applying a coating to said previously used and neutralized printing plates;  
providing a printing plate exposure and development unit;  
securing said neutralized and coated printing plates in proper registration  
in said exposure and development unit using said registration system;  
providing new images and print to said neutralized and coated printing  
plates in said exposure and development unit; and  
developing said new images and print applied to said neutralized and  
coated printing plates in said exposure and development unit;  
returning said neutralized and coated printing plates provided with said  
new images and print to said printing forme cylinder; and  
re-applying said neutralized and coated printing plates with said new  
images and print to said printing forme cylinder.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including providing an  
automatic plate changing device and using said automatic plate changing device for

removing printing plates from said printing forme cylinder and for re-applying printing plates to said printing forme cylinder.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including neutralizing said used printing plates using a laser neutralization technique.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 3 further including providing an exposure and development unit registration system, and securing said printing plates in proper registration in said exposure and development unit using said exposure and development unit registration system and said printing plate registration system.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)